

From: [Elish, Jill](#)
To: [Rasmussen, David W](#)
Subject: FW: Answers to your questions
Date: Friday, December 05, 2014 8:17:39 AM

Here it is.

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Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 5:09 PM
To: Jim McNair <jmcnair@kycir.org>
Subject: Answers to your questions

Jim,

Below is the university's response to your questions. Please let me know that you have received it.

Thanks,

Jill

1. In the original contract proposal, FSU spoke of a "group of foundations" that CKF has organized to make a total grant of \$7 million. Who were the other donors and how much did each donate?

The original contract proposal that you are referring to never materialized. Therefore, there is no group of foundations that CKF organized to make a total grant of \$7 million.

2. Your May 9 Q&A says \$1 million had been received from CKF up to that date. What is the amount today, both from CKF and from the other donors?

CKF has contributed \$2.8 million.

3. I need to get a better idea of how the money received has been put to use. Your Q&A says one faculty position (economics?) has been funded by Koch. Is that still correct? What about faculty positions funded by the CKF-organized donors? Also, the Q&A speaks of faculty "chosen to receive funding from CKF." Does that mean their salary/their job? Is their funding available to faculty for other purposes? And what makes a "likely candidate" for CKF funding? Please be specific.

Two faculty hired by the economics department were funded by the CKF for a period of six years. In each case, the positions were guaranteed by FSU so that their tenure is in no way dependent on the source of funds. After three years, one of the faculty members was hired away by another institution. The department has since hired another faculty member just as any other faculty hire would be made, on a faculty line provided by the provost. Subsequently, CKF agreed to fund the salary for that faculty member using funds earmarked for the departing faculty member.

4. The Q&A says SPEFE and EEE receive CKF funding. Were they created with CKF funding? Is there a description available for SPEFE?

The title SPEFE was first adopted in the MOU to refer to the more generic specialty that is characterized in the economics discipline as “the new institutional economics” or in our case, “markets and institutions.” This has long been a strong area of research and teaching in the economics department, which was strengthened by Koch Foundation resources. Likewise, the Program for Excellence in Economic Education is also rooted in the long-standing commitments to Economic Education of the previously existing Stavros Center for Economic Education.

5. Were any FSU courses introduced or altered as a result of the CKF funding to reflect free-enterprise philosophies of CKF?

No.

6. What did/does FSU say to address concerns that the contract with CKF would allow CKF economic philosophies or agendas to be included in FSU curricula or instruction?

The FSU Faculty Senate appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of faculty to review the original MOU. All of the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations have been addressed by the Department of Economics and the FSU Foundation. CKF has no control over or influence in hiring decisions, faculty evaluations, curricular decisions or awards of support to graduate students.

Our donors are comprised of individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations with a wide range of political, religious, business and personal views and values. FSU does not have a political litmus test for our donors. We work diligently to align donor interests with university priorities. Donor gifts, regardless of their size, have always been accepted with the clear understanding that the gift will not compromise academic integrity or infringe on the academic freedom of our faculty.

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They want brief responses today for questions 3, 4 and 5 . I will draft them in the next hour and if you can review them that would be good. If you don't have time not to worry.

David

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